

In the specification:


Please amend page 21, the fourth paragraph as follows:

The presently available heating element material, Kanthal, is a metallic alloy made of ~~nickel~~, iron containing (apart from iron) chromium (20-30 %), and a few percent aluminum (4-7.5 %), and trace amounts of cobalt. For high temperature service, this alloy, by its nature, forms a surface layer of aluminum oxide. This oxide is a form of corrosion which then becomes highly protective to the remaining underlying metal. Aluminum oxide (in pure crystalline form, sapphire) is one of the most durable of ceramics. It is this nature of Kanthal which makes it a prime high temperature element material.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the forgoing amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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